

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend page 13, lines 8-12 as follows:

A polycarbonate-urethane material such as Bionate 80 is very hygroscopic. Pellets of Bionate 80 are dried by a process, such as with a forced air dehumidifying dryer at 82 degrees C, ~~For C~~ for at least about 4 hours prior to extrusion or injection molding. Bionate 80 pellets are typically filtered during extrusion, ~~though~~ through filters such as a 350 mesh filter and two 500 mesh filters.